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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S ROLE IN DEALING WITH PRESSING GLOBAL PROBLEMS -  
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POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

REF STATE 107370

1. CONCERNS OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION WITH RESPECT TO  
POPULATION GROWTH AND FOOD PRODUCTION ARE HIGHLY PERTINENT  
TO RWANDA. MOST DENSELY POPULATED COUNTRY IN AFRICA,  
RWANDA IS ALREADY ON BRINK OF POPULATIONXFOOD SUPPLY  
CRISIS WHICH CAN ONLY GROW MORE ACUTE BETWEEN NOW AND  
YEAR 2000. AS OUR PARM AND GORM HAVE CONSISTENTLY SHOWN  
(KIGALI 383), WE REGARD EFFECTIVE ACTION TO ADDRESS BOTH  
POPULATION AND FOOD PRODUCTION PROBLEMS AS AMONG OUR TOP  
PRIORITIES, SECOND ONLY TO ENSURING RESPECT FOR HUMAN  
RIGHTS.

2. HAPPILY, RANDAN GOVERNMENT ITSELF SHARES OUR SENSE  
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OF PRIORITIES, TO SOME DEGREE THANKS TO DIALOGUE (AND USAID  
PROJECTS) ON THESE SUBJECTS WHICH WE HAVE INTENSIFIED IN  
RECENT YEARS. RANDAN GOVERNMENT READILY RECOGNIZES NEED FOR GREATLY INCREASED FOOD  
PRODUCTION AND DEVOTES IMPORTANT PART OF DEVELOPMENT BUDGET  
TO THIS END. DUE TO DEEPLY INGRAINED SOCIAL HABITS, IT  
HAS BEEN MORE RELUCTANT TO FACE UP TO NEED FOR EFFECTIVE  
MEASURES TO REDUCE POPULATION GROWTH; HOWEVER, IN

LAST FEW MONTHS WE HAVE WITNESSED EXTRAORDINARY FORWARD  
MOVEMENT IN THIS AREA AS WELL (CF KIGALI 725). IN MY CONVERSATIONS  
WITH PRESIDENT, FONMIN, AND OTHER SENIOR GOR OFFICIALS, OUR  
MUTUAL INTERESTS IN INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION AND  
REDUCED POPULATION GROWTH INVARIABLY TOP OUR AGENDA.

3. TO DATE, GIVEN RWANDA'S OWN ACUTE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE  
HAVE BEEN LESS SUCCESSFUL IN ENGAGING GOR IN DIALOGUE  
ON WORLDWIDE SCOPE OF THESE PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, GOR  
LEADERS READILY ACKNOWLEDGE NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE  
GLOBAL POLICIES AND MEASURES (WHEN QUERIED, THEY  
PLACE THESE PROBLEMS IN CONTEXT OF NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE  
AND CALL FOR SUCH "SOLUTIONS" AS FLEXIBLE COMMON FUND  
FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS). I SHALL ENDEAVOR TO FOCUS MORE  
OF OUR DIALOGUE IN FUTURE ON INTEREST RWANDA SHARES WITH  
US IN ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE GLOBAL ACTION.  
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